

Filed for intro on 03/20/95
House Bill _____
By _____

Senate No. SJR0120
By Atchley

A RESOLUTION to honor the East Tennessee District of United Parcel Service for their outstanding philanthropic efforts.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those companies which, in addition to aiding the economy of our area, seek to give back to the community a measure of their good fortune; and

WHEREAS, United Parcel Service is one such company whose outstanding philanthropic efforts in East Tennessee and the Knoxville area should not go unrecognized; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, the UPS Foundation instituted its Region/District Grant Program and, for more than ten years now, the district grant committees have identified urgent community needs and recommended funding for organizations that have the ability to meet those needs effectively; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 alone, the UPS Foundation distributed more than \$12 million to organizations involved in education and human welfare issues and, of that generous \$12 million, the Region/District Grant Program proudly awarded nearly \$2.5 million to regions and districts for local needs; and

WHEREAS, the East Tennessee District has played a large role in the distribution of regional and district grants for UPS and, as a result, many worthy organizations in the area have benefited greatly; and

WHEREAS, the Love Kitchen of Knoxville is one such organization which was recently selected by the District Grant Committee to receive a \$100,000 UPS Foundation Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Love Kitchen is a nine year old organization providing food, clothing and, most importantly, love and hope to elderly, homebound and disadvantaged individuals; and

WHEREAS, this UPS grant will enable the Love Kitchen's founders, Helen Ashe and Ellen Turner, the 21-member board of directors, and its countless number of volunteers and supporters to move the facility into a new building so they can serve an ever-increasing number of those in need; and

WHEREAS, this UPS East Tennessee District also included in their charitable efforts the Helen Ross McNabb Therapeutic Nursery, a center for underprivileged, abused and potentially abused children; and

WHEREAS, corporate contributions from UPS total more than \$103,000 for the center and several UPS employees take part in their Angel Tree gift collection each Christmas, making wishes come true for children who would not otherwise have a holiday celebration; and

WHEREAS, the employees of UPS's East Tennessee District have emerged as leaders in service for their area, as they have enhanced the quality of life for the many citizens whose lives have been touched by their good works; and

WHEREAS, this past December, UPS employees also brought joy to the children of 26 Beaumont Elementary School families, providing food baskets and presents for the less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, East Tennessee UPS employees contributed more than \$330,000 to the United Way Campaign in 1994, in addition to the corporate gift of \$58,626, an increase of more than \$100,000 from their 1993 contribution; and

WHEREAS, other beneficiaries of the East Tennessee District's generosity include the Think Drug-Free America campaign, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Serenity Shelter, and the Knox Area Rescue Ministries; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of their corporate mission to give something back to the communities in which they live and work, the East Tennessee District of the United Parcel Service has demonstrated a commitment to Knoxville and East Tennessee that stands unparalleled in excellence; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee hereby commend the East Tennessee District for their much-appreciated charitable and philanthropic efforts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize the East Tennessee District of the United Parcel Service and the many district employees for their generous contributions to a multitude of worthy organizations and causes, and we wish to thank them for their humanitarian efforts as they work to improve the lives of many citizens in our great state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

A RESOLUTION to honor the East Tennessee District of United Parcel Service for their outstanding philanthropic efforts.

A RESOLUTION to honor the East Tennessee District of United Parcel Service for their outstanding philanthropic efforts.

A RESOLUTION to honor the East Tennessee District of United Parcel Service for their outstanding philanthropic efforts.

A RESOLUTION to honor the East Tennessee District of United Parcel Service for their outstanding philanthropic efforts.

A RESOLUTION to honor the East Tennessee District of United Parcel Service for their outstanding philanthropic efforts.